IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CRIMINAL CASE NO. 3:01cr178

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
vs.)	ORDER
JAMES EDWARD BYRD, III.)	

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Release Sealed Documents. [Doc. 249].

The Defendant, through appellate counsel, moves for the release of the Statement of Reasons entered on August 21, 2008 [Doc. 224] for the purpose of preparing the Defendant's brief on appeal.

For the reasons stated in the Defendant's Motion, and for cause shown, IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Release Sealed Documents [Doc. 249] is ALLOWED. The Clerk of Court is instructed to release the Statement of Reasons [Doc. 224] to the Defendant's counsel. The Statement of Reasons [Doc. 224] otherwise shall remain filed under seal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 23, 2009

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge